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**WHITE PLAINS BOOKER OF CELEBRITY SPEAKERS SENTENCED  
TO 5 YEARS IN FEDERAL PRISON ON 61 COUNTS OF FRAUD**

MICHAEL J. GARCIA, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, announced that ALAN S. WALKER was sentenced today by United States District Judge COLLEEN MCMAHON to five years in prison in connection with his scheme to defraud the clients and customers of his celebrity booking service out of hundreds of thousands of dollars in appearance fees.

WALKER, 68, ran Program Corporation of America ("PCA"), an agency that booked speakers for colleges, civic groups and the like. As established by the evidence at his trial in White Plains federal court earlier this year, WALKER, through PCA, booked celebrities for speaking engagements, accepted payment from the sponsoring organization, and then -- rather than keeping a commission and passing the remainder of the fee on to the speaker, as he was contractually obligated to do -- kept the speaker's fee and refused repeated requests for payment. The jury's finding that WALKER did so with the intent to defraud the speakers resulted in his conviction on 61 counts of mail fraud and conspiracy.

The speakers that WALKER defrauded included basketball great Earvin "Magic" Johnson; journalists Andy Rooney, Helen Thomas, Ray Suarez, Charlayne Hunter-Gault, Stanley Crouch, and Deborah Norville; environmentalist Erin Brockovich; boxing great Rubin "Hurricane" Carter; former Senator and presidential candidate Carol Moseley Braun; civil rights leader Martin Luther King III; Olympic Gold medalist Dominique Dawes; Jehan Sadat, widow of slain Egyptian president Anwar Sadat; and the late entertainers Ossie Davis and Alan King.

In addition to imposing the five year prison term, Judge MCMAHON ordered WALKER to pay restitution of \$525,800 to his victims.

WALKER lived in White Plains, New York, prior to his arrest in this case.

Mr. GARCIA praised the investigative efforts of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Assistant United States Attorneys DAN DORSKY was in charge of the prosecution.

Following is a chart outlining the counts on which WALKER was convicted:

<u>Count</u>	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Venue</u>
One	Scott Carpenter	North Carolina Library Association
Two	Diane Ravitch	Wheaton College (Massachusetts)
Three	Rubin Carter	Southern Illinois University
Four	Robert Ballard	Indiana State University
Six	James Earl Jones	Kalamazoo Public Library (Michigan)
Seven	Andy Rooney	Indiana State University
Eight	Neil Postman	Skidmore College (New York)
Nine	Erin Brockovich	Wyndham Anatole Hotel (Texas)
Ten	Deborah Norville	Hewlett-East Rockaway Jewish Center (New York)
Eleven	Bill Moyers	Hotchkiss School (Connecticut)

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Twelve	James Carville	National Council of Jewish Women (New York)
Thirteen	David Levering Lewis	Clemson University
Fourteen	Rubin Carter	State University of New York, at Binghamton
Fifteen	Rubin Carter	College Hill Bookstore (Rhode Island)
Sixteen	Ruby Dee and Ossie Davis	LeMoyne-Owen College (Tennessee)
Seven-teen	Rudy Ruettiger	Garden City Community College (Kansas)
Eighteen	Earvin "Magic" Johnson	Illinois Wesleyan University
Nineteen	Capitol Steps	Utah State University
Twenty	William H. Gray, III	NAACP (Arkansas)
Twenty-Three	George Curry	Washington University (Missouri)
Twenty-Four	Hans Massaquoi	Florida International University
Twenty-Five	Charlayne Hunter-Gault	Claremont McKenna College
Twenty-Six	Charlayne Hunter-Gault	California State University-Sacramento

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Twenty-Seven	Charlayne Hunter-Gault	College of Saint Catherine (Minnesota)
Twenty-Eight	Charlayne Hunter-Gault	Miami University of Ohio
Twenty-Nine	Stephen Dweck	Wayne County Community College (Michigan)
Thirty	Stephen Dweck	Wayne County Community College (Michigan)
Thirty-One	Stephen Dweck	Wayne County Community College (Michigan)
Thirty-Two	Stephen Dweck	Wayne County Community College (Michigan)
Thirty-Three	Stephen Dweck	Wayne County Community College (Michigan)
Thirty-Five	Henry Parker	Saint John's University (New York)
Thirty-Seven	Helen Thomas	Shawnee State University (Ohio)
Thirty-Eight	Rodney Slater	University of Arkansas at Little-Rock
Forty	Samuel Betances	Hyatt Regency Penns Landing (Pennsylvania)
Forty-One	Loretta Long	North Eastern Wisconsin Education Association

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Forty-Two	Claire Chow	Denison University (Ohio)
Forty-Three	Nikki Giovanni	Shawnee State University (Ohio)
Forty-Four	Roberta Guaspari	Takeda Pharmaceuticals (New York)
Forty-Six	Eric Jerome Dickey	Western New England College (Massachusetts)
Forty-Seven	Eric Jerome Dickey	University of Delaware
Forty-Eight	Dominique Dawes	Wellesley College
Forty-Nine	Carol Moseley-Braun	Metro-Miami Action Plan Trust
Fifty	Patricia Russell- McCloud	Stillman College (Alabama)
Fifty-One	Mahnaz Afkhami	Rockford College (Illinois)
Fifty-Two	Timothy Ferris	Austin College (Texas)
Fifty-Four	Guilon S. Bluford, Jr.	Boys and Girl's Club of Nash/Edgecombe Counties (North Carolina)
Fifty-Five	Guerrilla Girls	Drury University (Missouri)

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Fifty-Six	Reverend Walter Fauntroy	Metro Miami Action Plan Trust
Fifty-Seven	Martin Luther King, III	Minneapolis Community College
Fifty-Eight	Therman Evans	Chevron Texaco Corporation (California)
Fifty-Nine	Ray Suarez	College of Lake County (Ohio)
Sixty-Four	Tavis Smiley	Kean University (New Jersey)
Sixty-Five	Ayinde Jean-Baptiste	SUNY Cortland
Sixty-Six	Ayinde Jean-Baptiste	Benedict College (South Carolina)
Sixty-Seven	Stanley Crouch	New Jersey City University
Sixty-Eight	Jehan Sadat	Women Helping Women Fund (Washington)
Sixty-Nine	Bari-Ellen Roberts	Vanderbilt Law School (Tennessee)
Seventy-One	Linda Chavez	Northern Virginia Community College

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Seventy-Two	Alan King	Solomon Schechter Academy (New Jersey)
Seventy-Three	Sandra Guzman	New Jersey City University

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